

Pride

Maryland Public Schools

1 Which state is leading the nation in Advanced Placement (AP) accomplishments?

2 Which state received an "A" for the fourth straight year for its K-12 standards and accountability system?

3 Which state's SAT scores are first in the Middle States Region?

4 Which state recently had test scores rise in all 24 districts?

5 Which state's public school seniors were offered nearly \$500 million in college scholarships?

6 Which state's 8th-grade NAEP scores had the third-largest gain in the nation?

Answer: **Maryland!**

- 1 Maryland Leads the Nation in Increasing AP Participation** In June 2004, the College Board recognized Maryland for increasing AP participation, especially among low-income and minority students. From 2002 to 2003, 41 percent more minority students in Maryland took an AP exam.

Source: The College Board

- 2 Maryland Education Standards Earn an "A"** For the fourth straight year, the nation's leading education newspaper, *Education Week*, gave Maryland an "A" for its K-12 standards and its system of assessing, reporting, and holding schools responsible for improving achievement.

Source: Education Week's Quality Counts 2004 report

- 3 SAT Scores Are First in Middle States Region** The 2003 SAT results rank Maryland #1 in the seven-state Middle States Region. The class of 2003 posted a verbal score of 509, two points higher than the class of 2002. Another two-point gain brought the average math score to 515. This caps a 10-year, 10-point improvement in SAT scores.

Source: The College Board

- 4 Maryland School Assessment Scores Improve** Reading and math scores improved statewide on the 2004 Maryland School Assessment. Grade 3 reading rose from 59 percent of students at proficient in 2003 to 71 percent in 2004. Grade 8 math rose from 40 percent at proficient to 46 percent.

Source: www.mdreportcard.org

- 5 Nearly \$500 Million in Scholarships is Offered to High School Grads** More than 50,000 students graduated from Maryland public schools in 2003, and nearly a half-billion dollars in scholarships and grants was offered to the new graduates statewide.

Source: Public School Superintendents Association of Maryland

- 6 NAEP Writing Scores Show Third-Largest Gain in Nation** Maryland 8th-graders' average scale score on the 2002 NAEP writing test showed the third-largest improvement by students in any state.

*Source: National Center for Education Statistics,
National Assessment of Educational Progress*

